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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Specification***

1. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o).

Correction of the following is required:

The strips are of other material than metal.

On Gerfast page 2 line 6 please

add after the "fasteners": "Can

be of other material than metal,"

***Claim Objections***

2. Claims 13 and 14 are objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 13, line 2, "abutting" is objected to because it is not the proper tense of the word "abut".

Thank you for the correction.

In claim 13 line 2 change the therefore it is suggested to change "abutting" to - -abutted-. Appropriate correction is word "abutting" to "abutted".

required.

***Claim Rejections -35 USC ~ 112***

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly

claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 7-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being

indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter

which applicant regards as the invention.

5. Claim 7 recites the limitation "said abutment" in line 4 of the claim.

Please insert in claim 7 line 19 after

There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

after the word "of" the word "both".